

NEWS NOTES CONDENSED

A Boiling Down of the More Important Events Here and There

Foreign.

Announcement of an amicable settlement of all pending questions that have served to disturb the friendly relations between Japan and China will be made officially within a short time. Arrangements of the differences relating to the Antung-Mukden railway probably will be contained in a note to the powers.

Greece's reply to the last Turkish note regarding Crete has been communicated to the powers. Its terms are conciliatory, and diplomats here consider that it should be satisfactory to the Porte, to which it was delivered soon. The note regrets that after Greece's previous assurances the Turkish government still complains of the attitude of Greece in Rumelia and Crete.

A delegation of thirty-nine business men, representing the civic and commercial organizations of Tokio, Yokohama, Osaka and Magoya, sailed on the steamer Minnesota for Seattle. They will tour the United States as guests of various chambers of commerce.

A dispatch from Portsmouth to the London Daily Graphic says there is much alarm there owing to the discovery of three late of supposed dynamite cartridges among coal shipped to Portsmouth for the battleships. The latest find of this character was during the coaling of the cruiser Duke of Edinburgh.

Oscar Malmros, American consul at Rouen, France, is dangerously ill, according to a dispatch received at the state department in Washington. Mr. Malmros has been in the consular service for many years, having been appointed in 1865. He is from Minnesota.

Madame B. F. Gayan, the wife of the Argentine consul general at Budapest, in a sudden fit of madness, drowned two of her children in the sea at Cirkevenc, Hungary, and was restrained with difficulty from putting an end to the life of her third child and herself.

General.

Reese Huck, a prominent farmer, was shot to death and four others were probably fatally wounded, in a feud fight growing out of a controversy over a dog, at Huntersville, twelve miles from Charlottesville, N. C., on Sunday night.

George B. Turner, chief taxidermist of the Smithsonian institute, has been recalled from his vacation in order that prompt attention may be given to the eighty-two skins of African animals that have been sent to Washington by the Roosevelt party.

The navy officials opened bids on two huge battleships soon to be constructed.

The naval board of inquiry reaffirms former verdict that Lieut. Jas. N. Sutton committed suicide.

The late dry and hot weather is said to have cut down former estimates of the corn crop.

Walter Johnson takes issue with the statement that General Howard chose the battlefield of Gettysburg.

Naval officials are satisfied with the bid on battleships, regarding the price as reasonable.

Renewed talk is heard lately of the appointment of Charles E. Magoon, until lately governor general of Cuba, as vice governor of the Philippines. Mr. Magoon is not in office now, but is recuperating in Europe.

Gustave Herling, sr., a bookkeeper, shot and instantly killed his wife, Louisa, probably fatally wounding his son, Gustave Herling, jr., and then killed himself at their home in Chicago.

Twenty casks and nine cases containing trophies of the hunt collected by the Roosevelt expedition in South Africa were brought to New York on the steamer Provincia from Marseilles.

Thirty persons were injured, at least nine of them seriously, when a portion of Twelfth street bridge over the Chicago river at Chicago, which was weakened by construction work, collapsed.

Governor Brown of Georgia signed the recent act of the Georgia legislature which prohibits the use by negro secret societies of the insignia, ritualistic work, grips, etc., of orders composed of whites.

President Taft is preparing some speeches that he will deliver on his southern and western jaunt.

Seventy-five work horses in the barns of the Cropper Stable company at Louisville, Ky., were cremated in a \$30,000 fire which destroyed the buildings.

Four hundred skilled machinists at the Puget Sound navy yard were discharged, and 500 more were laid off.

President Taft has accepted an invitation to visit Mexico on October 16 next, when he will exchange visits with President Diaz of Mexico at El Paso Ciudad Juarez.

Prince Albert Leopold, heir to the Belgian throne, arrived at Antwerp on his return from the Congo, and was given an ovation.

In an address at Shawnee, Okl., Chairman Younkum, of the Rock Island said railroads and farmers should cooperate.

The navy department has decided that David Williams, a mess attendant on the battleship Vermont shall be surrendered to the Massachusetts authorities.

No postal savings bank legislation can be expected of the next congress.

After five months of strict prohibition, liquor selling and gambling were temporarily resumed in Wichita, Kan.

While driving to church at Frisbee station, Mo., five children of H. A. Hyde, a farmer, were killed by St. Louis and San Francisco train No. 811, which struck the wagon on a crossing a mile east of the Hyde home.

President Gomez has selected a new cabinet for Venezuela.

Members of the Omaha Grain exchange are inclined to dismiss as untrue stories of damage done to corn and wheat in Nebraska by the recent hot wave.

A boy of 18 was drowned in the Niagara whirlpool after making a desperate fight for life.

Allen Newton, aged 24, of Helena, Mont., drew No. 1 in the Spokane reservation land drawing. David C. Rubb, of Ord, Nebr., drew No. 41.

Nine are dead and fifty injured in a head-on collision on the Denver & Rio Grande near Husted, Col. Mistaking the headlight of an engine on a switch for a section of another train was the cause of the accident.

The department of agriculture has issued a report showing the crop conditions of foreign lands; with indications that they are least favorable in the central part of Europe.

The comptroller of the currency is compiling a list of national banks with affiliated state institutions.

Governor A. C. Shallenberger of Nebraska and many Nebraskans and ex-Nebraskans, took part in the celebration of their state's day at the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific exposition.

Secretary Nagle says taking of the census will not cost as much as expected.

Ohio republicans are looking about for a strong man to run for governor.

American cities are pronounced twenty-five years behind progressive Germany in a bulletin issued by the committee on congestion of population in New York.

A number of Nebraskans and lowans were successful in the land drawings at Spokane.

Already, the office of the commissioner of internal revenue is beginning to bestir itself in preparation for the collection of the new corporation tax. The first work to be done is to draw up blanks and prepare regulations.

Many buildings were ruined by the earthquake shocks in Japan.

Arthur Hale Smith, third son of Joseph Smith, who founded the Mormon church, died at Montrose, Ia., where he was attending the convention of Latter Day Saints.

Washington.

Treasury officials are much gratified over the receipts of the bureau of internal revenue for the month of July—the first month of the new fiscal year—which shows an increase of \$939,326 over July of last year. The receipts during July, 1909, were \$22,968,642, and during July, 1908, \$22,029,314. In the view of the officials, this increase augurs well for the general prosperity of the country.

President Taft may ride in the big white house automobile in the floral automobile parade to be held here this fall under the auspices of the Washington chamber of commerce.

Several cabinet officers will appear in their own cars. There will be three sections to the parade, a governmental, a floral and a commercial.

Much interest was manifested in Washington by interior development officials in reports from Denver, Colo., that a hearing in Seattle, Wash., next month will disclose proof of gigantic frauds in connection with coal lands in Alaska.

Senator Norris Brown of Nebraska, author of the income tax amendment, believes that the legislatures of three-fourths of the states will endorse the measure. Since Alabama leads the alphabetical list of states he regards its endorsement of the measure as an omen of success. Ratification by a majority of both houses of the legislatures of three-fourths of the states is necessary for the constitutional amendment which will admit of the tax.

Rules governing the Philippine tariff act were sent to customs officers.

Personal.

Mayor Lussie announced the appointment of Leroy T. Steward, superintendent of city delivery of mails in the Chicago postoffice, as chief of police to succeed George M. Shipley, resigned.

President Taft may meet in New Orleans on his visit there about November 1 President Obaldia of Panama and President Gomez of Cuba.

Congressman Hinshaw, in a speech printed in the Record made a defense of the new tariff.

The state department announced the appointment of Ozer C. Gould of Minnesota, who has been a student interpreter at Tokio, to be vice consul general at Seoul, Korea.

Enemies of Senator La Follette in Wisconsin are maneuvering to beat him for re-election.

Dr. C. D. Oakford, editor of the Deerfield (Kansas) News, was hanged in effigy by the citizens of that place, because in an article he appealed to the people of the United States to enter their protest against President Taft's shaking hands with "the bloody butcher Diaz of Mexico."

SEVEN DEAD IN RIOT

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OFFICERS USE THEIR MACES

Men Gather at Pressed Steel Car Works and Suddenly Make Concerted Attack Upon the Gates.

Pittsburg, Pa.—One state trooper, one deputy sheriff and three foreigners were shot and killed Sunday night in a wild riot at the Pressed Steel Car plant in Schoenville, whose employees are now on strike. At least a score of persons were seriously wounded, ten fatally. The rioting followed a day of quiet and broke without warning.

At midnight the following partial list of dead and injured was made up from reports from the morgue, hospital and several physicians' offices:

Dead:—John L. Williams, state trooper; Harry Exler, deputy sheriff; three foreigners.

Fatally injured:—John C. Smith, state trooper; Lucean Jones, state trooper; seven foreigners.

While the riot lasted, mounted state troopers galloped indiscriminately through the streets with riot maces drawn, cracking the heads of all persons loitering in the vicinity of the mill. Deputy sheriffs and troopers broke in the doors of houses suspected of being the retreat of the strikers, and wholesale arrests were made.

From 9:30 to 11:30 scores of persons were arrested and placed in box cars in the mill yards.

During the early stages of the rioting women were conspicuous. Some of them were armed and others effectively used clubs and stones. These women, all foreigners, insane with rage, were mainly responsible for inciting the men to extreme measures.

Shortly before 9:30 o'clock a mob of men gathered about the Schoenville entrance to the Pressed Steel Car works and without warning made a concerted attack upon the big swinging gates of the stockade. The attack was resisted by state troopers and deputy sheriffs, who used riot maces. In the melee Harry Exler, a deputy sheriff, aged 50 years, was shot and instantly killed by a bullet fired, it is said, by an alleged strike sympathizer.

In an effort to arrest the man picked out of the crowd as the one who did the shooting, State Trooper Smith was instantly killed by a revolver bullet. Two other troopers on foot were also shot, falling into the arms of their comrades.

For the first time since the inception of the strike the state troopers opened volley fire on the mob. Six strikers fell at the first round. The members of the mob then opened fire with rifles. Two mounted troopers dropped from their horses fatally shot. They were taken to the Ohio Valley hospital in a dying condition.

As an ambulance made its way from the car plant to the hospital carrying wounded troopers the vehicle was attacked and the driver forced to flee for his life. The frightened team of horses attached to the ambulance plunged wildly in and about the crowd. Two men were trampled under the horses' hoofs. The ambulance was finally driven to the hospital by a detachment of troopers.

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Scandal in Prison Fund. Pittsburg.—Discovery has been made, it is alleged, of a deficit of \$82,000 by a board of auditors appointed to fix the financial status of the Western Pennsylvania penitentiary.

Trainmen Rob Cars. Wymore, Neb.—Following the discharge at this place on Sunday of thirteen trainmen in the employ of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad on charges of persistent rifling of freight cars, comes the statement that further discharges are to be made.

Captain Selvert's Sentence Commuted. Washington.—In the case of Capt. Herman A. Selvert, Ninth cavalry, charged as post quartermaster at Camp McGrath, Batangas, P. I., with falsifying his accounts, embezzlement, etc., and sentenced by court martial to be dismissed from the service and to pay a fine of \$1,000, sentence has been commuted.

Heart of Business Portion of Decatur, Ill., Destroyed. Decatur, Ill.—The fire which started at 1 o'clock Sunday morning in the Hoorehouse & Wells hardware store on East Main street was not under control until 4 o'clock in the afternoon. The loss is estimated at \$1,000,000, with insurance about 80 per cent of that amount. Following the fire, the worst in the history of the city, Decatur faced a water famine. It became necessary to shut off the residence district, the supply of water in the reservoir being down to seven feet.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Interest Taken From Here and There Over the State.

The school levy in Hastings has been considerably reduced.

Louisville will hold a merchants' carnival from September 1 to 6.

The building going forward in Ainsworth amounts to a veritable boom.

Enraged because he had been jilted Harry Bliss of Portsmouth, 18 years old, shot and fatally wounded Miss Minnie Clarke, aged 17 years.

The best yield of wheat reported so far in Gage county is on the farm of C. A. Reel, 22 1/2 acres threshing out 552 bushels, or 38 bushels to the acre.

So many cows belonging to Omaha dairymen have been condemned by reason of tuberculosis that the price of milk is going to be put at ten cents a quart.

Etta Johnson, the little daughter of Mrs. W. J. Johnson, living northeast of Beatrice, died from injuries received by being crushed against the manger by a horse.

Ed. G. Maxfield sold his farm, which was one and a half miles northeast from Dorchester, to Andrew Kramer for \$121 an acre. This is the highest price paid for land there for some time.

Although uninjured, Arthur Allen, formerly private secretary to ex-Gov. Mickey, was a passenger on the Denver & Rio Grande train which was wrecked at Husted, Colo., when nine were killed and fifty or more injured.

H. H. Stine, a farmer living two miles north of Hastings, was seriously injured in a collision with an automobile at the outskirts of the city. He was driving home with his daughter, when a touring car ran into him.

Mrs. Gertrude Seymour of Pender received a telegram from the sheriff at Davenport, Wash., stating that her son, Hiram, aged 20 years, had been killed. No details were given, and further information is awaited with anxiety by the family.

The new Edholm Grain company of Schuyler, composed of farmers, have had such a prosperous season that they will celebrate their success by holding a picnic. A noted Chicago speaker will be present to entertain and instruct.

Frank Marsh, living eight miles northwest of Beatrice, has an orange tree growing in his yard which will bear considerable fruit this year. A branch of the tree containing about sixty peaches the size of plums was exhibited in Beatrice.

"Sod" Reynolds, the young man from Humboldt, who drew No. 909 in the Coeur d'Alene land allotment, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Reynolds, pioneers of that section. He has spent the last few years traveling through the west.

The 7-year-old son of Henry Moelle, of Custer county, found a pistol and some cartridges. He loaded the gun and then by some means fired it. How he did it is not known, for the hammer of the old pistol was broken. The bullet entered his chest, proving fatal in a few minutes.

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LIBERAL EDUCATION IN THE ANNUAL EXPOSITION.

BIG SHOW OPENS ON SEPT 6

Duty of the People to Patronize an Institution That's Purely Their Own Property.

While other state institutions are at a standstill during August, the busiest office in the state house is the office of Secretary W. R. Mellor of the state fair.

The state fair opens Sept. 6, and Secretary Mellor, as usual, desires to convince the people of the state that it is their duty to patronize the fair, an institution which is their own, and which can not be successful without their help. He also desires to convince those who have not been convinced that the state fair is an educational institution which should be patronized for the knowledge it imparts. As a second reason why the people should attend it is asserted that the fair affords an outing at a time when most people can best afford it and that the entertainment is the best and cheapest that can be had for the outlay of money.

All money received by the fair association is expended for the benefit of the stockholders who are the people. This year the attractions in the form of live stock, agricultural exhibits, machinery, art, music, races and other features will excel the attractions of former years.

For Liberator's hand and opera singers the state fair pays \$2,500. The patrons of the fair in past years have stamped their approval upon this attraction. Races in the afternoon, Paine's fireworks shows at night, including an airship, carnivals and other features, will afford wonder and amusement. Under the present management the races have constantly grown in excellence, though none of the agricultural features of the fair have been weakened. The Nebraska state fair now ranks well with the great expositions of other leading western agricultural states, and is excelled by the best only in the magnificence of permanent buildings.

If the people of Nebraska will continue their patronage the fair is bound to surpass many others in the west. The attendance within a radius of ten miles of the fair grounds is considered a good test of the loyalty of the people. In Iowa and Nebraska the attendance within this radius is 200 per cent. In Minnesota, where a magnificent exposition is held each year, and where there are two great cities to draw from, the attendance within a radius of ten miles is only 65 per cent.

Opinion on Judiciary Law. The opinion in the non-partisan judiciary case which was decided some weeks ago, was filed last week in the supreme court. It was written by Judge W. B. Rose, with all the court concurring except Judge Dean, who dissents, and Chief Justice M. B. Reese, who was out of the city when the case was heard. Judge Dean filed a dissenting opinion. The suit was started by John M. Ragan of Hastings, who brought proceedings in the district court of Lancaster for a mandamus to compel the secretary of state to put his name on the primary ballot as a republican candidate for supreme judge. The district court held the law unconstitutional, and the decision was affirmed by the supreme court in the opinion filed last week. In his dissenting opinion Judge Dean holds the non-partisan judiciary law to be but an expansion of the state-wide primary law, and that it "does not come within the inhibitory provisions of the fundamental laws that have been invoked to destroy it."

A Feature of the Fair. A twenty-five mile relay race is one of the attractions at the state fair. Secretary Mellor has received inquiries from racing men living in the Dakotas, Wyoming, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. Five miles a day is to be run, with a change of horses in front of the grand stand each mile. The prizes are \$900, \$400 and \$200, and the entries promise to make this one of the most novel and exciting of attractions.

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THE OCCUPATION TAX.

Judge Sullivan to File Suit Testing the Same.

John J. Sullivan is going to file a suit in the district court of Douglas county to test the legality of the occupation tax act passed by the late legislature. Judge Sullivan called upon Attorney General Thompson and announced to him that the suit would be filed within a short time.

Up to this time 1,195 corporations have paid the occupation tax, the fees amounting to \$29,150. Of this sum \$2,425 has been paid under protest. This money paid under protest, however, will go into the state treasury with the other, as there is no law by which it can be held out. The fact that it was paid under protest, however, may help the corporation to get it back should the law be declared unconstitutional and the matter is taken up with the next legislature.

There are still about 5,000 corporations which have not paid the tax. Of the letters sent out 2,000 have been returned because the corporations have gone out of existence.

Under the law the tax must be paid by September 1, or a penalty of \$10 is tacked on. If not paid by Nov. 1, then it is the duty of the state to cancel the license of the corporation and prevent it doing business in Nebraska.

Proposed Change in Law. Secretary of State Junkin has under consideration an amendment to the revenue law which he believes will be good. His amendment provides that the State Board of Equalization shall have power to equalize values of the various counties solely for state purposes, leaving to the county boards the authority to place a value on the property for county purposes.

Delay, then, on the part of the state board would not affect the counties to any great extent because the officials could go ahead and extend their levies for county and school purposes, while waiting for the state board. The levy for state purposes is always small compared with the levy for county and city purposes, and the secretary believes there would be no objections to the work of the state board, whether the values were high or low. As it is now, he says, persons are vitally interested in the work of the state board because it is on the values fixed by this board that county and city levies are made. The board has no right to change the assessment of an individual, but merely equalizes values between the counties, so he believes this valuation so fixed should be used solely for realizing taxes for state purposes.

Contractor Gets Stung. The contractor who is drilling the holes on the granite pedestals at the state house through which electric wires are to be run, got "stung" when he thought he was wielding the stinger. When the bids were opened it was discovered that the successful contractor had bid 25 cents a foot, while others bid as high as \$1.75 a foot. The successful contractor, several days later, when asked why he put in such a low bid, laughed at the board and informed its members that the pedestals were hollow. When he examined these same pedestals, however, he discovered he was badly mistaken. There are four pedestals to be drilled through, and they are about eight feet high, which makes \$2 each. Two men working constantly got the hole through one pedestal in two and a half days.

Big Race Expected. Secretary Mellor of the state fair board has received inquiries regarding the twenty-five mile relay race to be pulled off at the fair from South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Montana and Nebraska, and the indications are a big number of horses will be entered. Horses will be changed at every mile and five miles a day will be run. The prizes are as follows: \$900, \$400 and \$200. For the derby eight horses have already been entered and for the Nebraska-bred 3-year-olds six horses have been entered. These races are as follows: 2:30 trot, \$500; 2:25 trot, \$500; 2:15 trot, \$500; 2:25 pace, \$500; 2:18 pace, \$500.

The Judicial Primary. At this writing Fawcett still has a small lead over Hamer for the third place on the republican supreme judicial ticket, with almost half of the precincts in the state and considerably over half of the vote in the state heard from. The returns are not conclusive, however, but from the best estimates of the missing counties and the present standing of the two it is thought Fawcett has the better chance for the place. Sedgwick and Barnes are assuredly nominated, with the former leading.

Men to Value Railways